

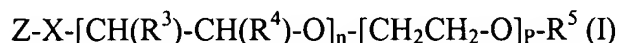
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) A process for degreasing or cleaning a hard surface, comprising the step of using an aqueous medium comprising at least one compound employed in a concentration of from 0.01 to 10 g/l, having the following formula (I):



wherein:

- Z represents a bicyclo[a,b,c]heptenyl or bicyclo[a,b,c]heptyl group, wherein:

$$a + b + c = 5,$$

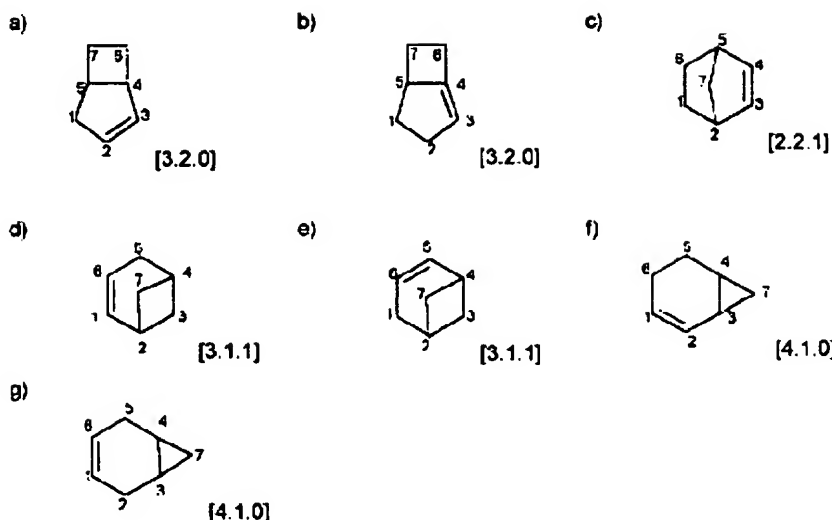
$$a = 2, a=3, \text{ or } a=4,$$

$$b = 2 \text{ or } b=1, \text{ and}$$

$$c = 0 \text{ or } c=1,$$

the bicyclo[a,b,c]heptenyl or bicyclo[a,b,c]heptyl group being optionally substituted by at least one C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group,

Z being selected from the group consisting of the groups of the following formulae a) to g), and the groups of the following formulae a) to g) minus the double bond:



- X represents  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{R}^1)(\text{R}^2)-\text{O}-$  or  $-\text{O}-\text{CH}(\text{R}'^1)-\text{CH}(\text{R}'^2)-\text{O}-$ , wherein:

- $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}'^1$  and  $\text{R}'^2$ , which are identical or different, represent hydrogen, or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated  $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{22}$  hydrocarbon group,
- $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$ , which are identical or different, represent hydrogen or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated  $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{22}$  hydrocarbon group, provided that at least one of groups  $\text{R}^3$  or  $\text{R}^4$  is other than hydrogen,
- $\text{R}^5$  represents hydrogen, a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated, aromatic or non-aromatic  $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{22}$  hydrocarbon group, which may be substituted, or a group selected from the group consisting of the following groups:

$-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$

$-\text{OPO}_3(\text{M})_2$

$-(\text{CH}_2)_r-\text{COOM}$ , and

$-(\text{CH}_2)_z-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$ ,

wherein :

- M represents hydrogen, an alkali metal or an ammonium function  $N(R)_4^+$ , wherein R, which is identical or different, represents hydrogen or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated  $C_1-C_{22}$  hydrocarbon group, optionally hydroxylated,
  - r is from 1 to 6, and
  - z is from 1 to 6;
  - n is an integer or a fractional number from 3 to 5 inclusive, and
  - p is an integer or a fractional number from 6 to 10, limits excluded.
15. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is a metal surface.
16. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R'^1$  and  $R'^2$ , which are identical or different, represent hydrogen, or a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated  $C_1-C_6$  hydrocarbon group.
17. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein n is equal to 3.
18. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein p is from 6.2 to 7, limits included.
19. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 18, wherein p is from 6.3 to 7, limits included.
20. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 19, wherein n is from 4 to 5.
21. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein p is from 7 inclusive to 10 exclusive.

22. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 21, wherein p is from 8 inclusive to 10 exclusive.

23. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein group Z is substituted on at least one of carbon atom by two C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl groups.

24. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein X represents –CH<sub>2</sub>-C(R<sup>1</sup>)(R<sup>2</sup>)-O- and Z is selected from the group consisting of the groups of formulae c) to g).

25. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 24, wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of the groups of formulae d) and e).

26-28 (Canceled).

29. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is a metal plate, and the concentration of compound is from 0.01 to 5 g/l.

30. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, the hard surface is a platform, and the concentration of compound is in the range from 0.01 to 10 g/l.

31. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is an oil production well, and the concentration of compound is from 0.01 to 5 g/l.